

Parks Volunteer Opportunities

Prairie Management

Location:

Big Creek State Park 8794 NW 125th Avenue Polk City, IA 50226

Dates of Opportunity Availability:

Opportunity start date: ongoing. Dates of volunteer service are flexible according to availability.

Hours of Service Requested:

Length of hours served at one time and hours of day are flexible according to availability.

Descriptions:

Volunteer assistance is requested for managing prairie. Responsibilities cutting brush and invasive species; planting prairie plugs (spring) or distributing seed (fall); harvesting prairie seed (mid summer through mid fall); assisting with support roles for prairie burns (spring and fall). Volunteer would be benefited by having experience with saws for cutting brush and with controlled burns for the prairie burns. Support roles for prairie burns involve filling water jugs, packing supply bags, and directing traffic. For work in the prairie, bring leather gloves to cut small trees and shrubs and wear long sleeves and pants, and boots for protection against branches, and thorns. Some training will be provided for each project in addition to specific equipment.

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